

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant that all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things that are contrary to their baptism, and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Genesis (15.1-12, 17-18)

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Psalm 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then / shall I / fear?: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then / shall I / be a/fraid?

2 When the wicked, even my enemies / and my / foes: came upon me to eat up my / flesh, they / stumbled / and / fell.

3 Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall / not be a/fraid: and though there rise up war against me, yet will I / put my / trust in / him.

4 One thing have I / asked • of the / Lord: and / that a/lone I / seek:

5 That I may dwell in the house of the Lord * all the / days of my / life: to behold the fair beauty of the Lord * and to / seek his / will • in his / temple.

6 For in the day of trouble * he shall hide me / in his / shelter: in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me * and set me / high up/on a / rock.

7 And now shall he / lift up my / head: above my / enemies / round a/bout me;

8 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation * with / great / gladness: I will sing and make / music / to the / Lord.

9 Hear my voice, O Lord, / when I / call: have mercy up/on me and / answer / me.

10 My heart tells of your word, / 'Seek my / face.': Your / face, Lord, / will I / seek.

11 Hide not your / face / from me: nor cast your / servant a/way • in dis/pleasure.

12 You have / been my / helper: leave me not, neither forsake me, O / God of / my sal/vation.

13 Though my father and my / mother for/sake me: the / Lord will / take me / up.

14 Teach me your / way, O / Lord: lead me on a level path, * because of / those who / lie in / wait for me.

15 Deliver me not into the / will of my / adversaries: for false witnesses have risen up against me, and / those who / breathe out / violence.

16 I believe that I shall see the goodness / of the / Lord: in the / land / of the / living.

17 Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall / comfort your / heart: wait / patiently / for the / Lord.

A reading from Philippians (3.17 – 4.1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 13.31-35

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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16th March 2025 - The second Sunday of Lent

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 15 , 328 , 378 , 427

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist (Norton)
MONDAY	6.30 pm	Men's Society (at the Waterloo). All welcome. Let Dorian know if you can join us.
TUESDAY	10.00 am	Diocesan Clergy Synod day (Llandrindod)
	10.30 am	Chat a Coffee - all welcome
	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross - all welcome
	1.30 pm	Lent study/prayer group (church rooms)
	6.00 pm	Joyful Noise Junior Choir Practice in All Saints - all youngsters very welcome.
	7.00 pm	Adult choir practice - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	12.45 pm	Funeral of Margaret David in All Saints
	1.30 pm	'Warriors' Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome.
FRIDAY	12.00 pm	Wedding in All Saints
NEXT SUNDAY		23rd March - Lent 3
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints)
	7.00 pm	Clydach Passion play in All saints. Do come along. No tickets needed.

Weekly Bulletin :

Do take this sheet home with you to remind you of what's on.
Copies are also available on our website

Pastoral Visiting :

please let me know of those in need of visiting (at home or in hospital). Your support is vital to ensure no-one is overlooked.

Church Notes

Tenby trip : Wednesday 18th June. £15 per head. Can we please have your payments as soon as you can.

Lent Course : during Lent the Bible study group on Wednesdays will be following a course on 'Prayer'. All are very welcome.

Good Friday Children's Craft event : 18th April 9.30 to 11 a.m. - if you can help out please let Liz Brent or myself know. Crafts can be prepared for you or you can share your own ideas.

Swansea Bay Symphony Orchestra Concert : in All Saints on Saturday 29th March at 7 p.m. See posters for details / tickets information.

Clydach Passion Play : will be performed in All Saints **NEXT SUNDAY at 7 p.m.** No tickets needed. All welcome. **DO TRY AND JOIN US.**

Easter Egg decorating workshop on Friday 28th march (2-4 pm) and **Easter Wreath Making workshop** on Friday 4th April (2-4 pm). Please speak to Anne or Elaine for details.

Men's Society : tomorrow **at 6.30 p.m. in the Waterloo.** A light buffet will be served at 7 pm. (donations are requested to help cover costs). At this first meeting a discussion will be held about how Men's society will run e.g. venue , how often , if we want speakers / food etc. Do try and join us if you can.

Marie Curie Coffee Morning : in Norton Church Saturday 5th April from 10.30 a.m. Tickets £2.50 from Margaret or Russell.

USPG (United Society for the Promotion of the Gospel) are supporting the Diocese of Jerusalem's Al Ahli hospital in Gaza for the Lent Appeal. Please visit the website <https://lent.uspg.org.uk> for more information about the appeal. There is also a study guide in English and Welsh entitled We Believe exploring the 1700-year anniversary of the Niceness Creed with reflections from across the Anglican Communion. More information is available from Susan King (in the choir most weeks).